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Capt. (b) (6)  
Director, House Liaison Office  
Department of the Navy  
B-324 Rayburn House Office Building  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Dear Capt (b) (6)

My constituent, (b) (6), has requested my office to make an inquiry regarding the status of their case.

I would greatly appreciate any information you are able to provide. If you have any further questions or need clarification please contact my staff member, Ryan Peterman, at 630-232-0006. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

Peter J. Roskam  
Chief Deputy Whip  
Member of Congress

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Your signature on this document is required for assistance

## Privacy Release Form Congressman Peter Roskam, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, IL

(b) (6)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Claim Number (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

Military Identification Number (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

Other numbers identifying my case (if applies) \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency involved United States Navy

Types of benefits I am seeking Age Waiver For Nuclear Power Program

Date and Place claim was filed \_\_\_\_\_

Information obtained regarding my case may be shared with the following individuals:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, Federal Agencies are prohibited from releasing any information regarding an individual without written consent. Therefore, I, (b) (6), hereby authorize Congressman Peter J. Roskam and his staff to make inquiries into my records from whoever necessary to receive and share information in my file regarding my inquiry.

Signature (b) (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Date 05/28/2014

Please mail or fax this completed form, a letter explaining the situation and desired resolution, and copies of any relevant documentation to:

Congressman Peter Roskam  
2700 International Drive, Suite 304  
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To whom it may concern,

My name is (b) (6), I was born on February 6<sup>th</sup> 1987. I have recently enlisted in the United States Navy and am very proud to call myself a Future Sailor. I am writing this letter of petition, not to ask for a handout, I am simply asking for a chance to be judged and rewarded on my own merit.

My journey through the enlistment process was not an easy one. It was 2009 when I first walked into a military recruiting office. I was finishing my Associates degree soon, and wanted to know what kind of programs the military had for me. At the time I was talking to an Air Force recruiter and was met with a less than welcoming attitude. I was overweight at 298lbs and I was told by the recruiter that if I lost 80lbs we could talk. When I tried to take a pamphlet home with me he stopped me and told me that I wouldn't need those until I lost the 80lbs. I went home that night with mixed feelings but I remembered that anything in life worth doing is worth fighting for. It was a long and difficult journey but through hard work and dedication I finally lost the weight and decided to try again.

This time I thought I would see what the Navy could offer me. When I walked into the door to the Navy recruiting office it was a much more welcoming atmosphere. They talked to me about my interests and what I was looking to do for the Navy. I simply told them I wanted the hardest, most challenging job that the Navy could offer me in the scientific field. The recruiting officer had me take the practice test in the office and I scored in the top 80 percentile. They explained to me that if I was willing to work hard and dedicate my time that the Navy Nuclear Power program is where I belonged. Over the next few weeks I gladly did everything they asked of me at a moment's notice, I had to study, fill out countless papers, give references, and even went to Great Lakes to meet with a Nuclear Power Coordinator; all while working full time and taking college classes. They put me under a microscope in order to test me, and every time I passed.

Finally the day had come For MEPS, I passes my physical exam with no issues and took the official ASVAB. I scored in the top 95 percentile overall, and my baseline scores for the individual categories auto-qualified me to sign for the Navy's Nuclear Power Program. There was only one issue, I was slightly too old for the program being 27. I was told not to worry it was only a formality but there was a waiver which I could easily get, especially with how well I had done.

I was very surprised when I heard the news that the age waiver was turned down, not once but twice. The first time they told me that I was too old to be put in an academic setting, that after a certain age it's just too difficult to teach me the materials. This struck me as interesting because I have over 150 college credit hours and take classes as a community college for fun in my spare time. The second reason was given that the Nuclear Power School was having problems with older students purchasing alcohol for minors. This being a serious problem I can understand taking steps to prevent it; however, I have nothing on my record to indicate that I would ever preform such a task, nor do I intend to.

After many talks with various people in the Navy, they are currently reviewing my age waiver for a third time now. I am proud to be a member of the Unites States Navy, I want to push myself, and dedicate my life to being the best that I can be for them. I am only asking for the opportunity to do so. I have met every challenge they have given me, taken every test, and proved that I am capable of doing the job. So I simply ask you to look at my accomplishments instead of my age.

Sincerely  
(b) (6)